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GENERAL ADVISORY FOR COUNTY COASTAL WATERS; CLOSURES FOR BEACHES AT THE TIJUANA ESTUARY OUTLET *Rain Brings Urban Runoff And Tijuana River Flows To County Beaches*

The Department of Environmental Health has issued a General Advisory for central and south San Diego County beaches following rain this morning. Swimmers, surfers, and other ocean users are warned that the levels of bacteria can rise significantly in ocean and bay waters, especially near storm drains, creeks, rivers, and lagoon outlets that discharge urban runoff. While many coastal storm drains within San Diego County are permanently posted with white metal warning signs, additional temporary warning signs are not posted for General Advisories. Activities such as swimming, surfing and diving should be avoided for 72 hours following rain. This includes ocean beaches from Torrey Pines State Beach south to Imperial Beach, as well as Mission Bay and San Diego Bay.

Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Border Field Park

The Department of Environmental Health has issued a water contact closure for the ocean shoreline from the U.S./ Mexico border to the south end of Seacoast Drive due to sewage-contaminated flows in the Tijuana River entering the United States. Signs will remain in place until sample results indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.

OR go to www.earth911.org . Enter your zip code, and select Beach Water Quality.

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